



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1329

Acadia National Park Improvement Act of 2007

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on January 30, 2008*

SUMMARY

S. 1329 would amend existing laws that govern the authority of the National Park Service (NPS) to operate the Acadia National Park in Maine. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing this bill would cost \$14 million over the 2009-2013 period. Enacting S. 1329 would have no effect on revenues or direct spending.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1329 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Estimated Authorization Level	3	3	3	3	2
Estimated Outlays	3	3	3	3	2

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For the estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1329 will be enacted before the start of 2009. We assume that the entire amounts authorized or estimated to be necessary will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical patterns for similar NPS acquisition and development projects.

S. 1329 would increase the statutory ceiling for land acquisition costs at Acadia from \$9.1 million to \$28 million. Because \$18 million has already been appropriated and spent for this purpose, the proposed increase represents a change of \$10 million. CBO estimates that this amount would be spent over a five-year period (2009 through 2013) to purchase up to 100 tracts of land within the park's existing boundaries.

The bill also would authorize the NPS to participate in designing, building, and operating a transportation center located outside of park boundaries. Based on information provided by the agency, CBO expects that most of the cost of constructing the center would be borne by the Department of Transportation under existing authority. We estimate that the NPS would spend about \$4 million over the 2009-2012 period to furnish a small visitor facility within the center and develop appropriate exhibits and other interpretive materials. We estimate that new annual costs to help operate the center would be less than \$500,000 annually.

Finally, S. 1329 would extend the life of the Acadia National Park Advisory Committee for an additional 20 years. Authority for the commission expired near the end of fiscal year 2006. CBO estimates that the cost of operating the commission would be less than \$50,000 a year.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1329 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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